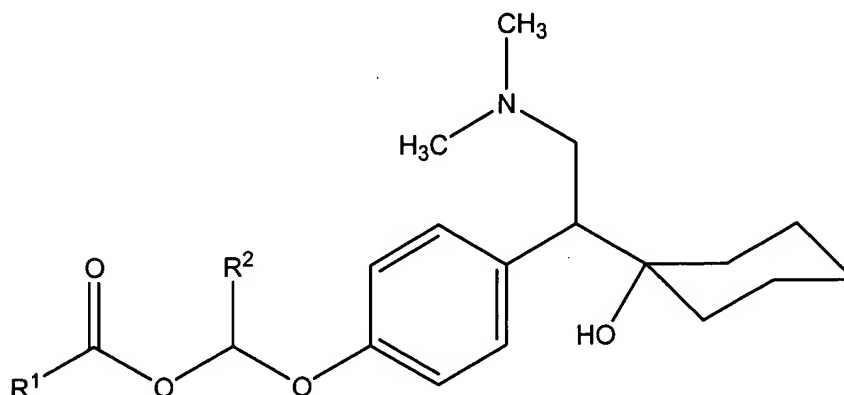


ABSTRACT

This invention provides O- α -acyloxyalkyl ethers of the venlafaxine metabolite 4-[2-(Dimehtylamino-1-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)ethyl] phenol, represented by Formula (I):



wherein the variables R¹ and R² are defined herein, and where the configuration at the stereogenic center (*) may be R, S, or RS (the racemate).